

alternatives for securing the locking ring to the cup as another basis for election of species and designates claims to identify alternatives. In contrast to the description set forth in the official action, which identifies each species as a weld, the alternatives should be identified as follows:

pins	—	Claim 12
weld	—	Claim 13
adhesive	—	Claim 14
screws	—	Claim 15

Applicants have elected the weld, as the species to which the prosecution is directed, even though it is specific to only one claim that is Claim 13. The remaining Claims 1, 3 - 10, 16 - 23 and 45 left after the last election are generic and along with Claim 13 read on that species.

Applicants make this election with transverse, because the Patent Office as to this application has carried the restriction and election of species requirements to an extreme, parsing the invention and claims well beyond that traditionally required.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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